19 and 20. Rs. 13 by transfer from "11. Forests and Tramway—B. 1. Salary of the Conservator" to "B. 11. Cleaning Charges" and Rs. 133 by transfer "11. Forests and Tramway—B. 1. Salary of the Conservator— to B. 12. Rents, etc."

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 13 by transfer from "11 Forests and Tramway—B. 1. Salary of the Conservator" to "B. 11. Cleaning Charges." I also rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 133 by transfer from "11. Forests and Tramway—B. 1. Salary of the Conservator" to "B. 12. Rents, etc."

Demands put and carried

PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1117

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

Hon'ble Mr. President,
and Members of the Legislative Council,

I have great pleasure to place before you for your consideration the budget estimates for the coming year.

The abnormal conditions to which the present times are subjected all over India have affected us also to a large extent. The War which started nearly two years ago has begun to get its influence felt more and more severely on the living conditions and general finances of the whole of India and along with that on our State as well. Besides its influence being felt in the general tendency for prices to rise, in the difficulty to obtain articles of foreign manufacture that have to be imported into the country to meet its daily needs, I mean especially medical appliances, building materials, machinery and things of the kind, its influence is all the stronger in a maritime State like ours. Compared to the previous years there is a temporary set back in the trade and consequent Customs revenue of the State. Also like the other Major Ports in India we have also had to think and plan for A. R. P. preparations and other allied arrangements.

Added to the difficulties of the temporary fall in the one major elastic source of revenue of the State—Customs—and also in the Income-tax of the State, greater and more acute distress was caused by the singularly ferocious and devastating cyclone of the few weeks back. This has affected severely both our revenue and expenditure.

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